

the city, and he oversaw the development of the city's new theater. These improvements and the acquisition of the existing City Hall facility ensured the city was on sound fiscal footing.

Mr. Hayes' approach to governing the city was innovative and refreshing. He harnessed the collective wisdom of Lexington's best and brightest by establishing numerous boards and committees, such as the Transportation Board and the Marina Committee. He also maintained and strengthened relationships with Wentworth Military Academy and other local institutions. These partnerships will continue to benefit Lexington for years to come.

Mr. Hayes serves our community in many capacities outside of his role as Mayor. An active member of the First Baptist Church and a dedicated family man, he is a committed member of numerous community boards and foundations. As a man of good character with a high moral standard, he has set a wonderful example for all of Lexington's residents. He has and will continue to make the City of Lexington a wonderful place to live, do business, and raise a family.

Madam Speaker, the commitment to service that Mr. Hayes has shown throughout his life is an inspiration to me personally and to us all. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in thanking him for his unyielding service to the City and the citizens of Lexington.

HONORING MR. MAX COLLEY, JR.

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to join with students, parents, staff, and friends of the Northview Public Schools to mark the retirement of Mr. Max Colley, Jr. I have had the privilege of attending several exceptional Veteran's Day concerts directed by Max, and I am very pleased to honor him today.

Max Colley, Jr., received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and his Masters of Arts degree from Grand Valley State University. He has taught music at Northview since 1970 and served as a saxophone instructor at Grand Rapids Community College and Calvin College, and was Associate Professor of Music at Calvin where he taught the jazz band.

Throughout his career, Max has received widespread recognition for his considerable talents in directing and teaching music. In 1985, Max was the first teacher in the Northview District to be recognized by the School Board for "Exemplary Service" and has been awarded the "Outstanding Teacher Award" of Northview High School on three occasions. In 1988, he was selected Michigan's "Band Teacher of the Year" by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA), and he received the "National Impact Teacher of the Year" award given by Cedarville University. In 1989, he was selected as conductor of the first West Michigan All-Star Band. In 2006, he was awarded the "Outstanding Educator Award" by the Michigan Competing Band Association. In 2009, he was director of the MSBOA Youth Arts All-State Jazz Band. Under his direction, the

Northview marching band has placed in the top 10 bands numerous times with the 2009 Marching Band winning 2nd place this past fall. Recently, he was named the MSBOA District X Teacher of the Year.

However, as a devoted teacher, Max is most proud of his students' accomplishments. Northview students have received numerous DOWNBEAT and International Association for Jazz Education awards. His bands have performed at every Detroit Jazz Festival, and the Montreux, Switzerland Jazz Festival two times. They have performed at the Midwest Conference five times, have been on eight European Tours, and have had 48 students selected to the All-State Jazz Band in just the past 12 years. They have won several university jazz festivals in the State of Michigan and have received first-division ratings at every MSBOA Festival since 1975. They also were selected by Lincoln Center of New York to perform at the Essentially Ellington Band Directors Academy.

I sincerely wish Max the best in his upcoming retirement, and commend him for his service to our community. May his music never end!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORARY DEGREES BESTOWED UPON JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENTS WHO WERE REMOVED FROM SACRAMENTO JUNIOR COLLEGE DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Japanese American men and women who will be receiving honorary degrees from Sacramento City College. During World War II, thousands of Japanese-American students had to suspend their studies to report to gathering sites before being sent to U.S. internment camps. Because of this, many never returned or completed their studies at Sacramento Junior College. 68 years later they will receive honorary degrees.

In one of our nation's darkest hours, on February 19, 1942, through the authorization of Executive Order 9066, more than 110,000 Japanese-Americans and Japanese immigrants were relocated and interned at War Relocation Centers. Because of Executive Order 9066, thousands of Japanese-American young adults were forced to halt their studies, withdraw from school and report to assembly centers solely because of their Japanese ancestry.

With the passage of California Assembly Bill 37 on October 11, 2009, the Regents of the University of California, Trustees of the California State University, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges were authorized by the State of California to confer an honorary degree upon each person, living or deceased, who was forced to leave his or her postsecondary studies as a result of Executive Order 9066. It is an honor long overdue.

Sacramento City College has taken the important steps toward correcting an injustice that occurred more than 68 years ago, and has embraced California Assembly Bill 37.

The California Nisei Diploma Project is a way of recognizing the many sacrifices made by Japanese-Americans in my home state of California.

On May 19, 2010, Sacramento City College will bestow 49 honorary degrees upon Japanese-Americans students, alive and deceased, who were forced to discontinue their studies at what was then known as Sacramento Junior College because of Executive Order 9066. Sacramento City College has looked forward to this moment with great anticipation, has received its former students and their families with great humility, and acknowledges their pursuit of higher education with honorary degrees.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pride that I stand today to recognize the Japanese-American men and women who will receive honorary diplomas from Sacramento City College. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these American citizens for their sacrifice and dedication to our country. Let this ceremony stand as a stark reminder that the darkest moments in the history of our country must be remembered so that they are never repeated. Thank you for joining me in honoring these proud Americans.

HONORING MARILYN OLLER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marilyn Oller for her dedicated service to her family and community. Mrs. Oller passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2010 surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Marilyn Oller was born on October 26, 1939 to Ronald and Lois. She grew up in Palo Alto, California where she attended Notre Dame High School. Upon graduating from high school, she attended the University of California, Davis. While in college she met her future husband, Ben Oller.

As a young woman, Mrs. Oller was a teacher and then became a domestic engineer. She was the owner of a dress store, "Sweet Pea", and later built homes in Madera, California. Over the years, Mrs. Oller was involved with countless community organizations including the Red Cross, Les Amis Guild, House of Hope, Evangel Home and the Amici Del Poverello Guild. She was instrumental in starting the Brunch for Elvis fundraiser for the Poverello House in Fresno, California. She was dedicated to helping those in need. Mrs. Oller also volunteered during my initial campaign and continued to volunteer, on a weekly basis, in my district office answering phones and keeping the staff up-to-date on the most recent celebrity news and movie reviews.

Mrs. Oller had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to laugh. She was always the life of the party and was known for her many escapades. She loved entertainment news and gossip; she attended countless concerts, plays and weekly movies. Mrs. Oller was most known for her love and dedication to her family. She and her husband created a nurturing and loving home for their two children, and in her later years she found tremendous joy in her role as a grandmother to her three grandchildren.